

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Jean-Paul Parizot <i>et al.</i> ,)	Examiner: Brown, Michael A
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Serial No.: 10/511,377)	Art Unit: 3772
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Filing Date: 07/11/2005)	Confirmation No. 8734
)	
For: SPLINT FOR A JOINT CONNECTION)	
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION)	
OF SUCH A SPLINT)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2009, regarding the above-referenced application, the Applicants respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.